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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: CHILEAN COUP

1. YUGOSLAV MEDIA SEPT 14 CONTINUE FULL COVERAGE CHILEAN COUP, WITH REPORTS OF COUNTRY-WIDE PROTEST MEETINGS AND WORLD REACTION CONDEMNING ACTION OF MILITARY JUNTA.

2. LEADING BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA SEPT 14 (PAGE ONE) HEADLINES REUTERS, AFP REPORT, "THOUSAND MORE DEAD." BELGRADE'S BORBA HEADLINES (PAGE ONE) "BATTLES IN SANTIAGO" AND "MORE RESOLUTE FIGHT FOR JUST WORLD." ZAGREB'S VJESNIK CAPS "RESISTANCE TO CRIMES" WITH FRONTPAGE PHOTO OF ZAGREB PROTEST MEETINGS (ALSO BORBA). SIMILAR HEADLINES AND COVERAGE OTHER REPUBLICAN DAILIES.

3. POLITIKA SEPT 14 ALSO CARRIES BRIEF PAGE-ONE ITEM (AFP), "US DEPLORES TRAGIC FATE OF ALLENDE" WITH WHITE HOUSE STATEMENTS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON NOT INFORMED OF COUP PLANS, AND "US DOES NOT SUPPORT POLICY OF OVERTHROWING GOVERNMENTS BY FORCE AS MEANS FOR SOLVING CONFLICTS." POLITIKA SAME DAY INCLUDES SPECULATIVE REPORT BY NY CORR GUSTINCIC, WITH VAGUE SUGGESTIONS OF US INTRIGUE IN OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE. GUSTINCIC STATES THAT IN SPITE OF US "ROUTINE STATEMENTS" THAT CHILEAN

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COUP IS INTERNAL AFFAIR, "TOO MUCH IS KNOWN OF RELATIONSHIP

BETWEEN US AND CHILEAN MILITARY LEADERS." AMERICANS ARE NOT SURPRISED, WRITES GUSTINCIC, AT PERON'S EXPRESSED FEELINGS OF US INVOLVEMENT, AND THAT, IN ADDITION, OFFICIAL DENIALS ARE NOT BELIEVED OF LATE IN US.

4. "RED TANJUG" SEPTEMBER 13 CARRIES UPI REPORT STATE DEPARTMENT'S DENIAL US INVOLVEMENT IN CHILEAN COUP.
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